

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

-- A method and a device are described for providing operand processing in a processing unit having at least two execution units, which are able to be operated at a predefinable clock cycle. The execution units are controlled by control signals for the processing of the operands and a switch is possible between a first operating mode and a second operating mode. In the first operating mode, both execution units are supplied with the same operands, and in the second operating mode different operands are supplied to both execution units, and both execution units are controlled by the same control signals for the processing of the operands in the first operating mode, and both execution units are controlled by different control signals for the processing of the operands in the second operating mode. --